

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1.-5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 50, ~~The system of claim 1~~, wherein the device license is of a finite duration and expires on a fixed date.
7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 50, ~~The system of claim 1~~, wherein the device license expires after a predetermined number of executions of the software application on the wireless device.
8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 50, ~~The system of claim 1~~, wherein the device license is of a finite duration and expires after the elapse of a predetermined duration from when the software application was downloaded to the wireless device.
9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 50, ~~The system of claim 1~~, wherein the device license is of a finite duration and expires after the elapse of a predetermined duration of usage of the software application.
10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 50, ~~The system of claim 1~~, wherein the wireless device is a cellular telephone.
11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 50, ~~The system of claim 1~~, wherein the wireless device is a personal digital assistant.
12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 50, ~~The system of claim 1~~, wherein the wireless device is a pager.
- 13.-49. (Canceled)

50. (New): A method for controlling execution of software applications on a computer platform of a wireless device capable of communicating over a wireless network, comprising:

- (a) responsive to each request to execute an application, determining a first condition of whether there is installed in said computer platform a device license authorizing execution of said application as true or false, said determining being performed without opening any data connection over said wireless network to an application managing server;
- (b) after step (a), if said first condition is true, permitting said application to execute on said computer platform;
- (c) after step (a), if said first condition is not true, performing the steps of:
 - (i) preventing said application from executing on said computer platform; and
 - (ii) opening a data connection over said wireless network to said application managing server and requesting a license from said application managing server.

51. (New): The method of claim 50, further comprising:

- (c)(iii) determining a second condition of whether said license is received from said application managing server as true or false;
- (c)(iv) after step (c)(iii), if said second condition is true, determining as a third condition of whether said license authorizes execution of said application as true or false; and
- (c)(v) after step (d)(iv), if said third condition is true, installing said license as said device license and permitting said application to execute on said computer platform.

52. (New): The method of claim 51, further comprising:

- (c)(vi) after step (c)(iii), if said second condition is false, indicating to a user that said application cannot be executed.

53. (New): A wireless device comprising:

a wireless communications interface, for selectively communicating over a wireless network; and

a computer platform, coupled to said wireless communications interface, for controlling said wireless communications interface, and for supporting and controlling execution of software applications, said computer platform comprising:

a memory; and

a processor, coupled to said memory, for controlling said wireless communications interface and for supporting and controlling execution of an application stored in said memory;

wherein said processor is configured for:

- (a) responsive to each request to execute said application, determining a first condition of whether there is installed in said computer platform a device license authorizing execution of said application as true or false, said determining being performed without opening any data connection over said wireless network to an application managing server;
- (b) after step (a), if said first condition is true, permitting said application to execute on said computer platform;
- (c) after step (a), if said first condition is not true, performing the steps of:
 - (i) preventing said application from executing on said computer platform; and

- (ii) opening a data connection over said wireless network to said application managing server and requesting a license from said server.

54. (New): The wireless device of claim 53, wherein said processor is further configured for:

- (c)(iii) determining a second condition of whether said license is received from said application managing server as true or false;
- (c)(iv) after step (c)(iii), if said second condition is true, determining as a third condition of whether said license authorizes execution of said application as true or false; and
- (c)(v) after step (c)(iv), if said third condition is true, installing said license as said device license and permitting said application to execute on said computer platform.

55. (New): The wireless device of claim 54, wherein said processor is further configured for:

- (c)(vi) after step (c)(iii), if said second condition is false, indicating to a user that said application cannot be executed.

56. (New) The wireless device of claim 53, wherein the device license is of a finite duration and expires on a fixed date.

57. (New) The wireless device of claim 53, wherein the device license expires after a predetermined number of executions of the software application on the wireless device.

58. (New) The wireless device of claim 53, wherein the device license is of a finite duration and expires after the elapse of a predetermined duration from when the software application was downloaded to the wireless device.

59. (New) The wireless device of claim 53, wherein the device license is of a finite duration and expires after the elapse of a predetermined duration of usage of the software application.

60. (New) The wireless device of claim 53, wherein the wireless device is a cellular telephone.

61. (New) The wireless device of claim 53, wherein the wireless device is a personal digital assistant.

62. (New) The wireless device of claim 53, wherein the wireless device is a pager.

63. (New) A wireless device, comprising:

a wireless communication means, for selectively communicating over a wireless network; and

a computer platform means, coupled to said wireless communication means, for controlling said wireless communication means and for supporting and controlling execution of software applications, said computer platform means comprising:

a means for receiving a request to execute an application;

a means for responding to each attempt to execute an application by determining a first condition of whether there is installed in said computer platform means a device license authorizing execution of said application as true or false, said determining being performed without opening any data connection over said wireless network to an application managing server;

a means for permitting said application to execute on said computer platform means if said first condition is determined to be true by said means for responding;

a means for preventing said application from executing on said computer platform means and for opening a data connection over said wireless network to said application managing server and requesting a license from said server.

64. (New): The wireless device of claim 63, wherein said computer platform means further comprises:

a means for determining a second condition of whether said license is received from said application managing server as true or false;

a means for determining a third condition of whether said license authorizes execution of said application as true or false if said second condition is determined to be true by said means for determining a second condition;

a means for installing said license as a device license and permitting said application to execute on said computer platform means if said third condition is determined to be true by said means for determining a third condition.

65. (New): The wireless device of claim 64, wherein said computer platform means further comprises:

a means for indicating to a user of said wireless device that said application cannot be executed if said second condition is determined to be false by said means for determining said second condition.

66. (New): A method for controlling execution of software applications on a computer platform of a wireless device capable of communicating over a wireless network, comprising:

- (a) responsive to each request to execute an application, determining a first condition of whether there is installed in said computer platform a device license authorizing execution of said application as true or false, said determining being performed without opening any data connection over said wireless network to an application managing server;
- (b) after step (a), if said first condition is true, permitting said application to execute on said computer platform;
- (c) after step (a), if said first condition is not true, performing the steps of:
 - (i) preventing said application from executing on said computer platform;
 - (ii) prompting a user of said wireless device to authorize a transaction to obtain a license from said application managing server;
 - (iii) if said user authorized said transaction, performing said transaction by performing the steps of:
 - (A) opening a data connection over said wireless network to said application managing server and requesting a license from said application managing server;
 - (B) determining a second condition of whether said license is received from said application managing server as true or false;

- (C) after step (B), if said second condition is true, determining as a third condition of whether said license authorizes execution of said application as true or false; and
- (D) after step (C), if said third condition is true, installing said license as said device license and permitting said application to execute on said computer platform.

67. (New): A computer readable medium tangibly storing a sequence of instructions, which when executed by a computer platform of a wireless device capable of communicating over a wireless network, said computer platform supporting and controlling execution of software applications, causes said computer platform to perform the steps of:

- (a) responsive to each request to execute an application, determining a first condition of whether there is installed in said computer platform a device license authorizing execution of said application as true or false, said determining being performed without opening any data connection over said wireless network to an application managing server;
- (b) after step (a), if said first condition is true, permitting said application to execute on said computer platform;
- (c) after step (a), if said first condition is not true, performing the steps of:
 - (i) preventing said application from executing on said computer platform; and
 - (ii) opening a data connection over said wireless network to said application managing server and requesting a license from said application managing server.

68. (New): The computer readable medium of claim 67, wherein said steps further comprises:

- (c)(iii) determining a second condition of whether said license is received from said application managing server as true or false;
- (c)(iv) after step (c)(iii), if said second condition is true, determining as a third condition of whether said license authorizes execution of said application as true or false; and
- (c)(v) after step (c)(iv), if said third condition is true, installing said license as said device license and permitting said application to execute on said computer platform.

69. (New): The computer readable medium of claim 68, wherein said steps further comprises:

(c)(vi) after step (c)(iii), if said second condition is false, indicating to a user that said application cannot be executed.